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THE CHOICE OF BOOKS.

Most of us if put on trial would feel bound in conscience to plead guilty to a charge of indiscriminate reading. Doubtless we should feel much less difficulty in entering the plea were we allowed to substitute the word omnivorous for indiscriminate. Omnivorous as applied seems to have acquired by usage the power of suggesting approval, while indiscriminate appears to carry with it the implication of something slightly blameworthy.

If it be admitted that our friends and acquaintances should be chosen with care, then it follows that we should be no less careful in the choice of authors. A writer takes for the time being the place of a living comrade, consequently his attitude of mind toward the persons or events in the tale he unfolds is surely not without effect on the minds of his readers.

Much of what is termed realistic literature, dealing as it commonly does with marital infidelity and its consequent evil, divorce, must necessarily lower the moral standard of its readers. True, the effect is modified by the manner of presentation.

Relation of a grave moral wrong as if it were merely a thing to be amused at, must inevitably tend to make it cease to be reprehensible in the eyes of the reader. Moreover, constant coming in contact with what is sordid in the human character, either in life or in literature, cannot be indulged in without danger to moral health, no matter how impersonal and detached the method of treatment.

On the other hand, what booklover has not often experienced the ennobling impulses derived from the reading of good books? They help us to live life bravely, to bear its troubles patiently and encourage us in moments of stress or of despondency to turn our faces upwards to the eternal stars.

SMOKES FOR WOMEN

Whether or not women should smoke is a question to be decided by each one for herself. It may as well be said that there is no reasonable ethical ground on which they can be denied to burn tobacco as they choose. But the question of permitting them to smoke in public places is "something else again."

The young woman who violated the rules made for patrons of the senate restaurant by smoking two cigars there may be congratulated that her defiance of convention did not result in her discomfiture. She "got

away" with it and is reported to have announced her determination to insist that there be no discrimination in the restaurant against women who desire to smoke. If the committee having jurisdiction yields to her demand there will be nothing more to be said except the several millions of words of indignant protest which is to be expected from those who are opposed to any departure from recognized custom.

But the question of women smoking in public is something more than one of propriety to be decided by the individual directly concerned. It is a question for the authorities charged with preservation of order. We opine that under strict construction such conduct would be adjudged disorderly conduct, and would be punishable as such. Disorderly conduct is defined as any action which may lead to a breach of the peace. One need no very active imagination to realize that a lady puffing a cigaret in a public restaurant might become the center of demonstration not to be distinguished from a riot.

No one questions the right of men to smoke, but when one puffs his cigar in precincts for non-smokers he is technically guilty of disorderly conduct because of the row that might ensue.

As to the women, everybody knows that thousands of them smoke, though they are not often seen smoking. But before they can have real freedom to puff cigars in public they will have to face and overcome opposition that in many cases will amount to fistcuffs. Their equality with men is coming fast because they are loved so, and for the same reason a great many hope that they will not insist in pushing more rights forward until we become accustomed to some that they have just secured. If they have any heart they will break us in gradually.

"NEIGHBOR'S DAY."

A comprehensive plan of community team work, promotion of Americanization and better acquaintance among those with whom we live is embraced in former Secretary Lane's proposal for the celebration of "Neighbor's Day" on June 14. Mr. Lane believes that we need to become better acquainted with each other and he suggests "Hello, Neighbor" as the appropriate slogan for the day.

Because all do not live on the same street, affiliate with the same church denomination or hold like political views, in his estimation constitute no sufficient reasons for failure to pull together for the benefit of the community, the city, the state and the nation. Evidently he would have us put Americanism above all the petty divisions that separate us into sets, cliques or factions. To the end that his idea may be worked out comprehensively he has called a conference of delegates appointed by governors, social, religious and patriotic organizations to frame a program.

The plan has possibilities. The most interesting things on earth are people, because there are so many different kinds of them. Every individual is said to have within him at least one human interest story. When we know our neighbor, even though he may belong to a different social and economic group, it will be found that his aspirations are about the same as ours and that he is worth a lot more to us as a friend than to remain the doubtful quantity of "The Man Next Door."

If all the people of a community would unite on the ground of the welfare of the neighborhood much could be accomplished. The idea is practical in that it proposes to make the neighborhood the unit in assimilation of those within its borders.

A neighborhood in which all say "Hello" to each other is a far more cheerful place in which to live than another in which neighborly good will is absent.

HAMMOND SUPERIOR COURTS

Suit for divorce was filed today by Stella Trinkl against Frank Trinkl. They were married May 5, 1913, and separated Oct. 9, 1920. Mrs. Trinkl says her husband would come home late drunk and would curse and swear at her. They lived at 1204 Jefferson street, Hammond. The plaintiff asks for the custody of their four children and \$4,000 alimony. McAleer, Dorsey & Gillett are her attorneys.

Abandonment is charged by Alfred Mills in his suit for divorce from his wife, Ellen. They were married April 18, 1911, and separated Aug. 2, 1916. Mrs. Mills now has their child and the plaintiff is willing for her to retain its custody and will continue paying \$20 per month for its support. H. E. Granger is attorney for the plaintiff.

Ollie Bennett is asking for a divorce from Paul E. Bennett charging failure to support her. She says that he refused to speak to her and wished her to support herself by working. They were married Sept. 18, 1895, and separated Oct. 1 of this year. She asks for \$3,000 alimony and \$15 per week support money. Her attorneys are Sheerer & White.

That her husband is an habitual drunkard is charged by Mary Flint in

her complaint for a divorce from Claude Flint, which was filed today. She desired \$1,000 alimony and \$1,000 support money for their three children whose custody she desires to retain. They were married in April, 1903, and separated in June, 1917. McAleer, Dorsey & Gillett are her attorneys.

Giles T. Warner et al. vs. Morris J. Cohen is the title of a suit which has been filed in the superior court on appeal by defendant from the Hammond city court. The complaint asks for \$800 judgment for failure to pay rents and in the city court the plaintiff was awarded \$700.

Caroline Lawrence has filed a petition for sale of real estate and partition against Lillian Burkhardt, et al., through Attorney Jesse Wilson.

Appeal to the superior court from the court of Judge Friedrich has been taken by the defendant in the suit of Victor Moore, et al. vs. Harvey Lowman. Moore is trying to collect a bill from Lowman for keeping Mrs. Lowman while her husband was away from Hammond.

SOCIALISTS DECRY USE OF VIOLENCE

ROME, Oct. 12.—The socialist congress at Reggio announced in a proclamation today that it is not absolutely necessary to follow the Russian system to gain desired reforms and that violence should be used only as a last resort. The socialists proclaimed adhesion to the Third Internationale.

MEX GUNBOAT GOES ON ROCKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 12.—No word has been received by the naval wireless early today from any of the vessels hurrying to the aid of the Mexican gunboat *Progreso* reported on Stone Reef, half way between Basenosa and Mazatlan. The steamer *Silver Shell*, the freighter *Steelworker* and two U. S. naval destroyers are expected to reach the *Progreso* this morning. The *Progreso* is reported troop laden.

WANATAH MAN IS BANKRUPT

Harry Ginsberg of Wanatah, Ind., LaPorte county, this morning filed a

voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Hammond showing assets of \$2,700 and liabilities of \$4,239.82. Ginsberg recently lost his eyesight and this discouraged him to the extent that he gave up the fight and filed the bankruptcy petition. He conducted a shoe and general merchandise store at Wanatah. His attorneys are Rockwell and Stockman of Valparaiso.



Mabel McKinley—Niece of the Late President of the United States—Takes Nuxated Iron for Health and Strength

And Says She Regards It as The Ideal Tonic For All Weak, Run-Down Nervous Women

Dr. George H. Baker, Formerly Physician and Surgeon Monmouth Memorial Hospital of New Jersey, Explains Why Iron is One of the GREAT-EST OF ALL STRENGTH BUILDERS

Says: He has found nothing in his experience so effective for helping to make strong, healthy, red-blooded women as Nuxated Iron.

Every woman who wishes to possess health, strength and beauty, should carefully read the statement of Miss McKinley who, after her personal use of Nuxated Iron, tells of the results she obtained.

Miss McKinley says: "While I had often heard of Nuxated Iron I must admit that prior to using it myself I had no idea of its remarkable value for building up the health and strength. Following the strain imposed by months of the most exacting work singing for the soldiers in the various army encampments, together with my social engagements and charitable pursuits, I found myself in such a weakened, run-down state that I feared a complete collapse. It seemed utterly impossible for me to drop everything and go away for a complete rest, but I realized that as my condition was serious, I must either do this or find something that would actually rebuild my waning strength and enable me to continue my activities."

"I had always been prejudiced against tonic preparations which, for the most part, I found only acted as a temporary stimulant and usually left one worse off than ever. However, when my own family physician insistently recommended that I give a fair trial to Nuxated Iron, I consented to begin its use, with the result that after a few days the weakness and exhaustion from which I suffered began to be replaced by a feeling of renewed strength and vitality. In less than three weeks' time my whole system was tingling with energy and power and I was surprised to find that I was once more in superb physical condition."

"Nuxated Iron has accomplished so much for me that I regard it as the ideal tonic for all weak, run-down women. As a strength-builder and blood-builder, I am convinced Nuxated Iron has no equal."

In commenting on Miss McKinley's statement, regarding the efficacy of Nuxated Iron, Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, says: "It is my opinion



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that in practically nine times out of ten, unstrung nerves and failing strength and vitality are due to deficiency of iron in the blood. Many a woman who is run-down, nervous and who cuts a sorry figure out, suffers from iron deficiency and does not know it. I am convinced that there are thousands of such women who, simply by taking Nuxated Iron, might readily build up their red blood corpuscles, increase their physical energy, and get themselves back to vibrant and vigorous health. By enriching the blood and increasing its oxygen carrying power, Nuxated Iron will often transform the flabby flesh, feeble tissues, and pallid cheeks of nervous, run-down women into a glow in health, and make them look younger, without a surprisingly short time."

Among other physicians asked for an opinion was Dr. George H. Baker, formerly Physician and Surgeon Monmouth Memorial Hospital, New Jersey, who says: "What women need to put roses in their cheeks and the springtime of life into their step is not cosmetics or stimulating drugs but plenty of rich, pure blood. Without it no woman can do credit to herself or to her work. Iron is one of the greatest of all strength and blood-builders, and I have found nothing in my experience so effective for helping to make strong, healthy, red-blooded women as Nuxated Iron."

It is recommended, above, is not a secret remedy but one which is well known to druggists everywhere. Unlike the older iron salts, Nuxated Iron is easily assimilated and does not irritate the stomach, make them sick, nor upset the stomach. Each tablet of genuine Nuxated Iron is stamped as follows: "Nuxated Iron." The tablets are stamped into each bottle, so that the public may not be misled into accepting inferior substitutes. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists in tablet form only.

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Mrs. Medill McCormick, Wife of the Illinois Senator; Congressman M. M. Gardner of Pennsylvania, and Former President of the Amalgamated Steel and Tin Workers of North America.